

REMARKS

Claim 5-9 remain pending in the above-referenced application.

Applicants have rewritten allowable claim 7 in independent form. Regarding the rejection based on Kondo, the last feature of claim 5 reads as follows: "calculating a track jump time, for positioning the read device at the beginning of the title, directly from at least one corresponding start time stored in the memory." In this respect the Examiner argues (see page 4, item (g) of the Office Action) that this feature is anticipated by Kondo because recording a program requires the calculation of the read head's access time/position.

In our view, Kondo does not show this feature because Kondo does not say anything about the way how the read head of the device is positioned. According to Kondo, the beginning and the end of a music program is stored in order to calculate the number of programs which can be stored in the remaining disc areas (see col. 8, lines 23 to 36). Kondo does not teach to calculate a track jump time directly from the stored start time as recited in claim 5 (in order to reduce the access time to a specific music program). According to claimed invention (as exemplified in Figure 4, step 200) a "jump time" is calculated from the time of beginning of a music program and the read head is moved for the calculated time period (or the corresponding number of tracks) (see Figure 4, step 205). Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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